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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

PEOPLE who view the universe with themselves as the center, usually cannot see beyond the tip of their own nose.

Gov. MURPHY, of New Jersey, is authority for the statement that fees which his state receives from the trusts exceeds \$4,000,000 annually.

Bro. TOWNSLEY says the present legislative session commenced wrong end foremost. That's funny, seeing that our friend Cy runs the thing.

Gov. FERGUSON of Oklahoma, has declared that the young ladies of the educational institutions of his territory shall not wear bloomers. Huh, we see his finish.

THE Atchison Globe says: The distiller rides in a steam yacht; the wholesale liquor dealer rides in an automobile; the retail liquor dealer rides in a carriage but the purchaser of the liquor is pulled around by the hair of his head, by a policeman.

The ninth annual convention of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association, will be held at Oklahoma City, Feb. 10th to 12th. We acknowledge receipt of complimentary tickets to everything in sight. The Epperson Military Band, of this city, is in correspondence with a view to playing for the convention.

NOW THEN, since Gov. Bailey permitted his extreme partisanship to get away with his better judgement, and pronounced the period of the states' history, when fusionists were in control, "A period of political lunacy" just watch the republican legislature repeal some of the statutes enacted in that same period. They will probably begin on the Anti Trust law, and the Strip and Screen act.

THE Hon. Chalk Beeson, of Ford county, has introduced a bill, which, with a little addition, should certainly be passed. His bill provides for the bonding of certain county officers in surety companies the county to pay the premium. The bill should be amended providing for all county officers to be bonded that way. Personal bonds are too apt to be N. G. when called upon. Then again it would shift the responsibility of a prosecution, from the county to the surety company.

Thus far, the only real opposition to Bob Findlay's scheme to establish a whisk broom factory at the reformatory, comes from one, Clint Lee, of Lincoln, Nebraska. It is said that he has become a millionaire, selling convict made whisk brooms from the Nebraska penitentiary. To be sure he would be against it. If that were the point at issue, the bill should pass. But is it? We do not believe in forcing labor to meet prices made possible by convict made goods, and are forennet the bill for that reason.

IN A speech delivered at Wilmington, N. C., before the Chamber of Commerce of that city, Frank A. Vanderlip, a former assistant secretary of the treasury, gives some figures which will cause the people of this country, and especially the advance agents of prosperity, to get their thinking caps on.

The exports of our manufacturers in a fiscal year just closed, Mr. Vanderlip said, amounted to \$30,000,000 less than the point they reached two years ago. The total exports of domestic merchandise fell off more than \$100,000,000 in the year and he showed that instead of decreasing imports we have made some large increase in our purchases of foreign goods and the total for the fiscal year

stands more than \$300,000,000 above 1899. In this same address Mr. Vanderlip showed that for the first nine months of the present year our imports increased over last year \$56,000,000 the total imports for last year being \$300,000,000 more than 1898. Our exports for the nine months shows a net balance of \$164,000,000 more unfavorable than the corresponding nine months of the previous year. During the same period we have lost \$8,000,000 of gold and for the twelve months ending with September, 1902, our favorable trade balance was \$420,000,000 against \$641,000,000 for the previous twelve months; in other words, a decrease of \$221,000,000.

### Was Montgomery Murdered?

Last week the Clafin Clarion gives the following additional particulars of the tragic death of C. D. Montgomery. B. F. Stout, of Clafin, a nephew of Mr. Montgomery, was telegraphed to go to Van Buren, where the injured man was discovered. The account in the Clarion is as follows:

"Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Young had to change cars at Van Buren and having to lay over a short time between trains, separated a few moments and a man who claimed to have lived in Hoisington at one time, and Charlie walked away in one direction and Mr. Young in another, and in a short time after, probably a half-hour, Mr. Montgomery was discovered by a negro cook, lying in a ditch only a short distance from the depot with his skull mashed, and in an unconscious condition. He never regained his consciousness, but there is no doubt that he was knocked down and robbed. Between forty and fifty dollars which he had on his person can not be found."

### Another old Settler Gone.

Aug. Thanscheidt, one of the pioneer settlers of this county, died at his home in Ellinwood, January 29th, 1902, of heart disease, aged 73 years, 5 months, and 29 days.

Deceased was one of those sturdy pioneers, who had gone through about every phase of frontier life. Born in Prussia, but settling in this country at Leavenworth, before the war, he was a witness and a participant in the stirring period of Kansas history, of that time. At the beginning of hostilities, he enlisted in the 2nd Kan. Vol. Inf., and served with distinction, until his discharge, after the battle of Wilson's Creek, in which engagement he was badly wounded. He located in the east end of this county in 1874, and has ever since resided there, being a successful farmer. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and G. A. R., the former conducting the funeral services, assisted by the G. A. R. who furnished the pall bearers. The survivors are his widow, one son, Aug. Jr., of Woodward Ok., and Mrs. Chas. Wolf, of Commanche Twp. Funeral services were held from his late residence, Sunday.

In the passing of Mr. Thanscheidt, Barton county loses a valuable and deserving citizen, and the state one of its early defenders. The sympathy of all is tendered to the bereaved relatives, in which the DEMOCRAT joins.

### The Lie, in Court.

In the district court last week, while Judge E. C. Cole of this city was making an argument in the case of Koen vs. The Lake Koen Irrigation Co., Judge Vandiver a lawyer from Hutchinson, who is old enough to know better, interrupted by calling Mr. Cole a "d---a liar," and he did it a couple of times, and was told to sit down and be quiet, by the Sheriff. At the evening session Vandiver was called upon to make an open apology in open court for his obstreperousness. He is a cripple, and that fact probably saved him from a deserved thumping at the hands of Judge Cole. Possibly he thought he could come up here from Hutchinson and follow pettifogging methods before the new and inexperienced Judge. He ought to have been fined on the spot, for contempt, and slugged on the other spot for his boorishness.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. E. L. Norris, of Clafin is ill. Less than another month of Winter. Hot chili at Rathbun & McConjga's. Geo Parker, was over from Hoisington Saturday.

Tom Winstead is the new car clerk, at the Santa Fe.

All the latest music at Rathbun & McConnell's.

Rube Solinger has returned from his Kansas City trip.

The Hoisington schools will give an entertainment Feb 20th

Herman Wenke and daughter, were up from Ellinwood last Saturday.

J. E. McQuillen, of west of town, is reported down with lung trouble.

A. J. Baxter, with the E. R. Moses Merc. Co., is now a DEMOCRAT reader.

John Robl and Joe Bizer were up from Logan township the first of the week.

The State Bank of Seward has been reorganized, with a capital stock of \$5,000.

A fine boy baby was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrows, of Galatia.

Tom Thornburg and Wm Hartshorn Jr., left the first of the week for Oklahoma.

O. W. Dawson was in Kansas City, Topeka, St. Joe and other eastern cities last week.

Monday night's session of council was one of the briefest that body has had in a long time.

Yes, of course you can get Canyon and Maitland Coal, both lump and out-at Scheffer's.

J. F. Upson, a bustling real estate man of Larned, was a caller on the DEMOCRAT Monday.

See this office for ALL KINDS of printing, also half-tone cuts, designs, etc. It will pay you.

Co. Surveyor Newcombe was up to Clafin the first of the week surveying the new cemetery site.

Forest avenue needs a good deal of attention by the street commissioner, before the spring rains set in.

A little daughter of Henry McGinty near Seward, was badly cut in the face on a barbed wire last week.

Fred Steckel, Gus Schrapel, Joe Sprinkler and Leo Bockemuhl, were up from Ellinwood Monday.

The attention of our readers is called this week to the new ads of Wm Ferger and August Garling.

FARMERS—See Newcombe for seed oats. Get them now, for they are going to be hard to get later.

Miss Ada Schaffer, book-keeper with the E. R. Moses Merc Co., is visiting with relatives in Reno county.

W. E. Alexander, now of Hoisington, was over to the county seat Monday and called on the DEMOCRAT.

Do you want a piano or organ? Hooper has 'em, and sells 'em cheap. Do not buy until you investigate.

David Little, of Clafin, has been granted an increase of pension, pushing him up to \$24.00 per month.

Mrs. Florence Norris left for Oklahoma City, last Friday, to join her husband who is in business there.

Dick Dennis, the auctioneer, received a visit this week from a friend, J. F. Hartzel, of Caldwell, Kans.

S. E. Ruggles is reported to have taken a homestead up in Scott county, onto which he will move in the spring.

ROCK FOR SALE—We have ten car loads of first class white rock for sale. See us for prices.

W. F. KLEIN & Co.

E. L. Isen and Nick Sprinker, two of Ellinwood's prosperous young business men, were Great Bend visitors Friday, last.

Miss Flora Smith and Miss Nellie Mathewson, attended the funeral of Rev. Armstrong, at Hutchinson, last Sunday.

The best musical instruments made, pianos, organs and all stringed or reed instruments can be found at Hoopers.

Captain D. J. Newton has sold his Great Bend property and will remove to the Pacific coast to benefit his health.

The Newton Journal says that Tom Shaughnessy is serving a 30 day jail sentence in that town, for felonious assault.

The Modern Woodmen will hold a banquet for the members, at their camp in this city, on the evening of Feb. 12th, next Thursday. All Woodmen should remember the date.

Do you know good seed oats are scarce? I have a supply of the best to be found. Secure them now. S. A. Newcombe

The Progress Club held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. H. E. Dean, on West Broadway, Monday of this week.

See the Hooper Drug Company before you buy a musical instrument of any kind. The prices are right and the goods guaranteed.

J. W. A. Cooke, of the Ellinwood Leader, has been elected as a member of the executive committee of the state postmasters association.

George Larrh, formerly in the saddlery business here, came up from Caney, Kansas the first of the week to look after business matters here.

Representative Henry Langfeld, has been appointed on the committee on irrigation, also on the insurance committee. Both are good assignments.

J. R. Hall was over from the north side to look after school matters, Friday. He took back with him a fine pedigree bull from the Lorimer ranch.

Chas Springer, of Omitz, came back from Wichita county last week. He says Barton county is "the best ever," and he will remain here for good.

D. E. Hughes, in the early days a carpenter in this city, died at Macksville, Kansas, on Jan. 25th. He was in the neighborhood of seventy years old.

The Turf Exchange saloon, fourth doorsouth of Hooper's, closed up on the 31st. There are a plenty left to satisfy the cravings of nature and the devil.

F. J. Kramer, an employee of the legislature, was home to spend Saturday and Sunday with his family. Be careful, Frank, or you will blow in all your salary on R. R. fare—dit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilkinson, of Capron, Ok., announce the birth of a son, on Jan. 28th. Dunn is better pleased over this circumstance than if he had been elected to the Oklahoma senate.

Miss Lizzie Wildgen was over from Hoisington, Thursday evening, to attend the Zunda Club dance. She remained several days visiting the family of C. A. Hooper, and other friends.

A meeting of the Arkansas Valley Racing circuit was held at Hutchinson, Thursday of this week, to arrange for the fall fair dates. James W. Clarke is secretary of the Barton county association.

Dr. E. E. Morrison made a misstep last Saturday, and sprained an ankle that has been giving him much pain and causing a great deal of inconvenience to himself and his patients since that time.

John L. Beightie returned from his outing in Texas last Friday. He says he had a most pleasant trip, the weather was fine and his new experiences in the southern country were well worth the trip.

The Clafin Clarion issued a neat, two page supplement, last week. We are glad to notice, too, that the merchants of that town are showing an appreciation of the home paper by putting in some good ads.

C. H. Scott, of the Hutchinson Bee, and Fred L. Valley of Hutchinson, made the DEMOCRAT a social call, Tuesday. They in company with Mrs. Stevens of Hutchinson, were on their return home from the west.

There are several places in the city where brick walks have been ordered in for a year or more, but where the old board or cinder walks still remain as stumbling blocks to progressive pedestrianism. Why is this true?

W. H. Weimer has bought the Blue Front back line from M. Dailey. Mr. Dailey will continue in the livery and feed business, conducting the Blue Front barn and maintaining a satisfactory place for the farmers to have their teams properly cared for.

J. F. Upson, Larned, Kans., has a farm of 710 acres, 400 in cultivation. Good house, barn and other outbuildings. Price \$12,000 encumbrance \$3,000. He would like to exchange for a smaller place and some cash. Other farms and ranches for sale.

"I observe," said the polar explorer, "that you are rapidly adopting the ways and manners of the more civilized regions." "Yes, indeed," smiled the gentle Esquimaux. "We make the saloons close at half-past November, and we expect to pass a curfew law that will require all the children to be off the streets at two days after October. In time we will enjoy peaceful, quiet nights.—Judge.

Geo. Moore plead guilty stealing some money and clothes from Henry C. Cook, in the district court, last Thursday, and was sentenced to the reform school, at Hutchinson. His term of sentence will depend upon his good behavior while in the reformatory.

Peter Kingston was down from near Millard, Monday. He got out of town on his way home (a 20 mile drive) when he remembered the printer, and came back to drop a couple of plunks in the till, to pay on his own DEMOCRAT and one to his father in New York state.

Commissioner Pickerrill kept visitors to the clerk's office, during the commissioners session this week supplied with Good Run cigars, all on account of the arrival of a new boy at his home Sunday last. No doubt the boy made a good run, to strike Mr. Pickerrill's home.

Monday was "Groundhog" day and if his hogship did not scot back into his hole mighty quick, he got a chill on Monday night, for the weather turned cold and a spit of snow began falling by midnight, keeping it up most all day Tuesday. About an inch of snow on the level fell.

Among the good (and sensible) people who have had their names added to our list of readers during the past week are: Police Judge Page, Chas. Johnson, Elmer Dale and P. C. Boland Great Bend; O. P. Scarce, Ellinwood, James Gibson, Joliet, Ill.; and Eli F. Groseclose, Marion, Va.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A nice bunch of 2 year old horses and mules, which are too young to ship. Will sell at a bargain if sold at once.

W. F. KLEIN & Co.

Beginning with Feb. 1st the Exchange Store starts out with a new manager, James W. Downey retiring and Frank C. Seaber taking charge. Mr. Seaber has had considerable experience in the mercantile line, and will doubtless conduct a successful business Mr. Downey may open a business of his own shortly.

All lovers of real, high class comedy who attended the production of "The Game Keeper," last Friday evening were well pleased. Especially good was the acting of Thos. J. Smith, the gamekeeper, and little Baby Patti. One entertainment like that is worth a dozen of the usual barn storming aggregations that this community has been afflicted with.

An adjourned session of the district court will be held on Feb. 23d, when the hearing of the case of Koen vs. the Ditch Co. will be continued. It seems that Mr. Koen is not satisfied with the action of the Attorney General in recommending a renewal of the Ditch Co. Charter, and is contending for money he claims still due him from the corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schriener, on the L. W. Pursel farm, South side, lost a little girl by death, on Friday morning last, at the age of 2 months and 24 days. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday the 31st, at 12:30, and interment in the Great Bend cemetery. The bereaved parents have the deep sympathy of the neighborhood.

A J. Cassidy, father of Mrs. T. H. Woolsey, has joined his wife here, and will likely conclude to make this city his permanent home. At present they are staying with their daughter, Mr. Cassidy formerly lived in Monroe county, Iowa, and was very prominent in the county affairs, having filled the offices of county superintendent, surveyor and auditor. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and we trust will conclude to make his future home with us.

The "home talent" entertainment at the M. E. church last Friday night was well attended, and the home talent put up an exceedingly pleasing entertainment, one that was more highly appreciated than some of the foreign talent that has been brought in during the course. The work of Miss Grizzell, the Ladies Quartet and Little Misses Blanch Marx and Flora Clark is deserving of special notice. The tableaux were all right except the red light machinery, but with all they were very amusing.

Rev. E. M. Armstrong, a Baptist minister, died last night at his home 627 North Main street, after several weeks' illness. Death came at 6:45 o'clock. Mr. Armstrong was 66 years old and had reared a large family, consisting of six sons and three daughters, all of whom will be present at the funeral. The funeral services will be held at the First Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon—Hutchinson News, Jan. 31.

Rev. Armstrong was for a number of years pastor of the Baptist church here, and has many friends in this county who will be pained to learn of his death.

## EDUCATIONAL

### GREAT BEND CITY SCHOOLS.

Report of teachers of the Central Building, for the fifth month, ending January 30th, 1903.

GRADE 8, ROOM 8.

Neither absent nor tardy: Frances H. Cole, Edna Bobe, Roscoe Chapman, Willie Charles, Frank Mackenroth, Bessie H. Shand, Teacher.

ROOM 9.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Dan Banta, Joe Hamilton, Frank Kellam, Lawrence Osmond, Elmer Thatcher, George Thatcher, Harry Mumyer, Bessie Allison, Florence Castle, Zoe Chapman, Maud Olson, Leitha Reinhardt, Beale Stokes, Pearl Swift, Blanche Thatcher, Winifred Kerr, Pay Gwynn, Minnie Jones, Lydia Kendall, Esther Lindale, Ellen Currie, Hazel Marsh, Norma Mering, Vida Johnson, Hattie Omer, Mary Randall, Margaret Osmond, Anna Sutherland, Sarah Swift, Pearl Whitcomb, Florence Zutsavren, E. FRANCIS EWING, Principal.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Room No. 7.

Edna Moffat, Florine Jensen, Verna Kuby, Maud Johnson, Earl O'Brien, Orsh Fair, John Bailey, Pearl Slinn, Edna Cone, Laverette Pitts, Lloyd Brown, Altha Bailey, Vernon Baker, Edward Sellers, Grace Mathewson, Teacher.

ROOM NO. 6.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Lulu Beye, Gail Decker, Lucile Baker, Eddie Gwynn, Nellie Brumbaugh, Jevie Hans, Clytie Breeden, Earl Jennison, Nettie Tullie, Charlie Breeden, Elva Breeden, Mary Smith, Fred Merritt, Alma Craig, Grace Stouger, Lloyd Brown, Hazel Clark, Ray Chapman, Ethel Davis, Arlene Hann, Dora Newton, Kittie Miller, Edna M. Day, Teacher.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy: George Banta, Kenneth Bailey, Lee Davis, Palmer Gunnell, Edgar Moffat, Harry Marx, Henry Kube, Bert Crow, Roy Patrick, Twine Gilek, Asa Sellers, Nettie Biggs, Clara Clayton, Carrie Eppstein, Anna Egan, Edna Gussman, Lillie Kelley, Leola Lindley, Lizzie Rowe, Mabel Stauer, Daisy Souther, Elva Trolley, Elva Zutsavren, Ethel Kier, S. D. DALL, Teacher.

SIXTH GRADE.

Neither absent nor tardy: George Banta, Kenneth Bailey, Lee Davis, Palmer Gunnell, Edgar Moffat, Harry Marx, Henry Kube, Bert Crow, Roy Patrick, Twine Gilek, Asa Sellers, Nettie Biggs, Clara Clayton, Carrie Eppstein, Anna Egan, Edna Gussman, Lillie Kelley, Leola Lindley, Lizzie Rowe, Mabel Stauer, Daisy Souther, Elva Trolley, Elva Zutsavren, Ethel Kier, S. D. DALL, Teacher.

SIXTH GRADE.

The second meeting of the Southeast District Teachers Association met in the Ellinwood High School building, Saturday, Jan. 21. Roll call was answered by quotations. Instrumental duet by Mamie Lorang and Flora Schrepel. Miss Kathleen Grant read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Correlation of Studies." This paper was discussed by Helen Minnis and Emma Wilkins. Vocal solo was nicely rendered by Pauline Brewer. Miss Helen Grant read an interesting paper on "Passive Attention."

A profitable discussion upon English and American Literature was led by Prof. Martin, who brought forth some excellent points upon nineteenth century virtues. Meeting adjourned to meet Feb. 28, 1903.

School Report.

Following is the report of the school in Dist. 27 for the month ending Jan. 23, 1903: Males 8, Females 14, Total enrollment 22, Average attendance 19.

Those neither absent nor tardy were: Arpa Schmidt, Carrie Schmidt, Laura Baur, Effie Urruh, and Frank Urruh.

Visitors, Mrs. John Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Nairn and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lile.

BIRDIE ARCHER, Teacher.

Upon request of the 12 members of the 1903 graduating class of the city high school, the school board decided that, instead of set orations by each member of the class the commencement exercises this year will consist of an address by some prominent speaker, with a musical program. In our judgement this is a wise getting out of the old rut—one that all cities of any importance are adopting.

His Name Not Page.

An Oklahoma paper has the following concerning a former Great Bend pioneer:

J. C. Crilly, the newly elected messenger of the house of representatives is one of the most unique characters of that august body. As his name implies he is an Irishman of the old stock and can entertain his auditors with as good a specimen of mother wit as one would wish to hear. Out in his native dailiwick he goes by the cognomen of "That Little Irishman" and it is a name well applied. Being an ardent democrat he sought and obtained the position of messenger and there is no doubt he will make an excellent officer. A good joke was innocently perpetrated on Mr. Crilly by the newly elected sergeant at arms, Hawkins is a giant in stature and with all a very polite man. While standing up waiting to be sworn in Mr. Crilly was next to Mr. Hawkins, and next down the line from Mr. Crilly were the pages. With his usual Southern grace, Mr. Hawkins stooping down touched Crilly on the shoulder and said: "Beg pardon, Mr. Page, but what is your name?" Drawing himself to his full stature and swelling with just wrath Crilly replied: "My name is not Page; I am the messenger-elect of this house." Mr. Hawkins rendered a suitable apology and peace reigned.